

January 13, 1988

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for your kind invitation to address the 1988 Hamilton County Republican Dinner in February or March.

I would be delighted to join you for this special occasion, but my scheduling constraints will not permit me to accept. Nevertheless, please extend my warm best wishes to my fellow Ohio Republicans for a most enjoyable event.

Hope the new year is going well for you. Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.  
Taft, Stettinius & Hollister  
Suite 800  
1620 Eye Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Signed: Howard

January 13, 1988

Dear Mrs. Lupien and Muffin:

Thank you for your Christmas card and the delightful article. It was a pleasure to reminisce.

I appreciate your support, but I have no regrets about not running for office this year. I'm happy to serve President Reagan as he completes his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Helen K. Lupien  
Miss Muffin Lupien  
88 Broad Street  
Danielson, Connecticut 06239

P.S. Don't give up your dream -- "Jean Lupien for President in 2008" has a very nice ring to it.

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB



January 13, 1988

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your December 17 letter requesting selection of Castle Heights for a new FBI training academy.

Although I appreciate your interest, I have been advised that, as a matter of White House policy, I cannot intervene in pending procurement decisions. I know you can appreciate the ethical considerations which underlie this policy. However, you may wish to contact the Department of Justice directly to voice your concerns.

It was good to hear from you. Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. James L. Beckner  
4426 Manor Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Cleared through Counsel

January 13, 1988

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for sending me the Christmas gift. I've found a new kind of "status symbol." Unfortunately, it only reminds me of some chores I have to do around the house, but please be sure I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Donald W. Davis  
Chairman  
The Stanley Works  
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Personalized Stanley tape measurer returned  
to Howard Baker's office

January 13, 1988

Dear Mr. Harada:

You added a little "sparkle" to the beginning of 1988 and I appreciated your kindness.

I hope the New Year is a great one for you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. George T. Harada  
Chairman of the Board  
Suntory International Corporation  
515 South Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, California 90071

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Gift sheet sent to Gift Unit; champagne  
disposed of in Room 61, EOB

January 13, 1988

Dear Mr. Feldman:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter. He was pleased to learn about your studies.

Although we appreciate your interest, I must tell you that there are no internships available in the Office of the Chief of Staff. However, I'm bringing your correspondence and resume to the attention of the White House Greetings and Comments Office, who take a limited number of Summer interns. Please be assured your request will receive every consideration. You might also try contacting your Congressional Representative and Senators directly about opportunities which are available in their individual offices.

Senator Baker asked me to send you his best wishes for a most successful semester in Washington.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Michael D. Feldman  
145 West Patent Road  
Bedford Hills, New York 10507

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cc: Joan DeCain, WH Greetings and Comments Office, with  
copy of incoming  
Lorraine Camarano, 61 CEOD



January 13, 1988

Dear Arlen:

Thanks for your December 30 letter endorsing the Philadelphia Chapter of the Young President's Organization dinner invitation for April 20.

I wish I could join in what is sure to be an enjoyable evening, but I am sure you understand my schedule constraints at this time.

Again, thanks for writing. Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Arlen Specter  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Signed as Howard

January 13, 1988

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your January 4 letter. I appreciate your kind words of support.

I am honored by your special invitation to address my fellow Republicans at the Marion Harding Day Dinner on April 23. Regrettably, the demands of my schedule will not permit me the pleasure of joining you. Nevertheless, I appreciate your thoughtfulness, and send you my best wishes for a most enjoyable occasion.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Albert M. Miller, Jr.  
629 Summit Road  
Marion, Ohio 43302

P.S. I'll ask that you get a message from the President for your dinner. Keep up the good work!

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cc: Linda Watson - for message  
Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Note: Approved by John Tuck (1/12/88)



January 13, 1988

Dear Mr. Lacy:

Thank you for including me as a recipient of the Cooper Union's holiday memento. It's a very handsome deck of playing cards. I was especially glad to see that Abraham Lincoln is the King of Hearts -- and I didn't recognize the Joker, so he musn't be a Republican.

With best wishes for success and happiness,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Bill N. Lacy  
President  
The Cooper Union  
for the Advancement  
of Science and Art  
41 Cooper Square  
New York, New York 10003

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

January 13, 1988

Dear John:

Thanks so much for your kind invitation to be keynote speaker at the Georgia State Party's President's Day Dinner in February.

I am deeply honored by your invitation; I would be delighted to visit Georgia and join my fellow Republicans. Regrettably, the demands of my schedule will not permit me the pleasure of joining you. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, and send my warm best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable John M. Stuckey, Jr.  
Chairman  
Georgia Republican Party  
1776 Peachtree Street, N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

P.S. I'll ask that the President send a message for your event. Keep up the good work!

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cc: Linda Watson with incoming  
Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Approved by John Tuck 1/12/88



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January 14, 1988

Dear Colby:

Thanks for sending along the White Paper on deficit reduction that you prepared for the President. As the President said when he recently signed the legislation embodying much of the budget agreement he reached with Congress, it is a good first installment but more needs to be done.

I must tell you, however, that I am not sanguine about accomplishing this year some of what you advocate. Freezing all COLAs or enacting a major new tax is highly unlikely in an election year. If I am right in my assessment, it may be counterproductive to strongly advocate such policies as it will force Presidential candidates to take unequivocal positions and reduce their options after the election.

However, we will continue to look for opportunities and pursue policies that keep us on the right path. As circumstances permit, we will make every effort to build on the current budget package.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Colby H. Chandler  
Chairman  
The President's Export Council  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB



January 15, 1988

Dear Dean:

Thanks for your kind note. I'm pleased that you like the eagle photograph. It was good seeing you, and I thoroughly enjoyed the interview. I'm glad we could do it. I also want you to know that John Tuck is coordinating when I may next visit Blount County.

Again, thanks for writing. All the best in this new year.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Dean Stone  
Editor  
The Daily Times  
Post Office Box 568  
Maryville, TN 37803-0568

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

January 15, 1988

Dear Friends:

Thanks very much for the beautiful pewter plate. I deeply appreciate your special thoughtfulness, as well as your dedication to the President.

Warm best wishes for the new year, and my own thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Friends at the Secret Service  
President's Protective Detail  
at the White House  
Room 10  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Gift sent to gift unit

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

January 15, 1988

Dear Mr. Shaykin:

Thank you for your letter of December 3 concerning the tax bill provisions affecting merger and acquisitions. I took the liberty of passing your comments on to Secretary Baker, who was our principal representative on the tax bill. These proposals were among the more onerous in either bill and could have resulted in a Presidential veto had they survived the legislative process. I am pleased, however, that we were successful in our efforts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Leonard P. Shaykin  
Alder & Shaykin  
375 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10152

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB



January 15, 1988

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful invitation to attend a reception hosted by Foreign Minister Genscher on January 20.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule will not permit me the pleasure of attending. However, please accept my warm best wishes for a delightful evening.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

His Excellency  
Jurgen Ruhfus  
Ambassador of the  
Federal Republic of Germany  
4645 Reservoir Road  
Washington, D.C. 20007

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

January 15, 1988

Dear Jeff:

It was good to hear from you. I have, as you suggest, been watching the financial markets and the financial services industry with keen interest. I share your confidence in Bill and Dan in meeting the challenges the industry will face this year.

I appreciate your report on the retail sector. I would welcome periodic updates on your index, especially what you find for the past Christmas season.

I hope the enclosed photograph fills the bill. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Jeffrey M. Feiner  
Merrill Lynch Capital Markets  
Merrill Lynch World Headquarters  
North Tower  
World Financial Center  
New York, NY 10281-1215

Enclosure: photo of RR & Gorbachev

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

January 15, 1988

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your letter and we appreciate your pride in those two great anniversaries.

We are enclosing greetings for you to pass along.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Trey White  
Athens Distributing Company  
of Tennessee  
4126 South Creek Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37406

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

Enclosure: 2 anniversary cards w/envs



January 15, 1988

Dear Mr. Portmess:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter. Your interest in writing is appreciated.

I am sorry to send a disappointing reply, but it will not be possible for the Senator to obtain the autographs on your enclosed Inauguration souvenir. The large number of similar requests have forced the President and Vice President, in fairness, to decline them all. I hope you will understand.

With Senator Baker's best wishes for the new year to you and your family,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Gary L. Portmess  
6 Graemoor Terrace  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

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Enclosure: return writer's Inauguration souvenir

cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

January 15, 1988

Dear Ms. McElmurray:

Thank you for renewing your invitation to Senator Baker to address your Lincoln Day Dinner in February.

Your invitation is very much appreciated, but the heavy demands of the Senator's schedule will not permit him the pleasure of accepting. However, he asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness and to send you and all the members of the Sarasota Republican Women's Club his warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Jeanne McElmurray  
President  
Republican Women's Club  
of Sarasota  
1661 Sunrise Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34231

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB



January 15, 1988

Dear Mr. Pearman:

Thank you for your follow-up letter to the Chief of Staff renewing your invitation for him to speak at graduation ceremonies for Leadership Roane County on April 22, 1988.

Your invitation is greatly appreciated, but the heavy demands of Senator Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and to send you his best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Joel E. Pearman  
Devonia at Queen Street  
Harriman, TN 37748-2087

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1988

Dear Roger:

I am sorry my earlier letter to you was misdirected. I wanted to let you know that following our phone conversation several weeks ago that I looked into the matter we discussed. I received some information concerning Todd's situation.

Frankly, I don't feel that there is anything I can do. I am sorry that the response cannot be more favorable, but based on information that I have received I think it best not to reopen the case.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Roger W. Jepsen  
Chairman  
National Credit Union Administration  
1776 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20456

February 18, 1988

Dear Chancellor Heyman:

Thank you for your letter inviting the President to address the University of Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science 20th year Anniversary Benefit Gala on May 20, 1988.

The President greatly appreciates your extending this opportunity to him and would have enjoyed participating in this celebration. Unfortunately, the President's heavy scheduling demands for that time preclude him from accepting this kind invitation.

However, the President has asked me to convey to you his best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
Director of Presidential Appointments  
and Scheduling  
Director of Private Sector Initiatives

Ira Michael Heyman  
Chancellor  
University of California, Berkeley  
Berkeley, California 94720

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cc: Tom Griscom, Howard Baker

Letterhead copy to Dr. David Pierpont Gardner

February 19, 1988

Dear Mr. Baly:

On behalf of the Chief of Staff, I want to thank you for the gift of the champagne, and to apologize for the delay in responding.

Senator Baker deeply appreciates your thoughtfulness and kind words of encouragement. You have his warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Michael Baly, III  
American Gas Association  
1515 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, VA 22209-2470

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Case of champagne sent to Gift Unit

cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB



*Copy*

January 19, 1988

Dear Ned:

I appreciate your expression of willingness to serve on the National Economic Commission. Bill Schreyer has also endorsed your appointment. You are obviously well-qualified and would surely be one of our top candidates.

I must tell you, however, that I remain concerned about the formulation of this Commission. First, the President received only two appointments, while the Congress has ten. Second, the Chairman is elected by the Commission rather than being appointed. I worry that the political process inside the Commission in selecting a Chairman may be damaging.

Finally, I am apprehensive about any commission on the budget convening proceedings in an election year. Their deliberations could become campaign issues and affect the outcome of the election. Equally important, the candidates may be pressured to deny or endorse Commission recommendations, limiting their options after the election and potentially making the process counter-productive. If, for example, the Commission recommended a COLA freeze, including Social Security, some of the candidates may feel compelled to promise never to sign such legislation.

I continue to believe that a commission, properly constituted, could make a contribution in our efforts to reduce the deficit. I am not convinced, however, that this formulation at this time will produce a workable result. We are therefore considering what options we might pursue, including an attempt to negotiate more Presidential participation, Presidential designation of the Chairman, and convening after the election. For the moment, let me assure you that you will be on any "short list" we compile when the time comes for the President to make his appointments.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Edward V. Regan  
State Comptroller  
State of New York  
270 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

January 19, 1988

Dear Charlie:

Thanks for your letter and for sending me copies of the "Wrap-up Report" on the Washington Summit.

I would like to thank you and everyone at USIA for your exceptional work in supporting the Summit. Your dedicated efforts are certainly appreciated by all of us at the White House. I am looking forward to working with you on the Moscow Summit.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Charles Z. Wick  
Director  
United States Information Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20547

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

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January 19, 1988

Dear Gene:

Thanks for your kind note. I enjoyed being with you on December 11 for Dave. I truly appreciated your hard work on his behalf.

You're right -- it was a long week and I was a little tired. However, nothing is more important than Dave's return to the 101st Congress and our drive to hold on to Republican seats and regain the control of the Senate.

It was good to hear from you. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Eugene S. Holderness  
6004 Dublin Circle  
Edina, MN 55435

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB



January 19, 1988

Dear Mrs. Underwood:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter. Your interest in writing is appreciated.

I am sorry to send a disappointing reply to your request for an auction item, but the large number of similar appeals received by the Senator has forced him, in fairness, to decline them all. I hope you will understand the need for such a policy.

Nevertheless, we appreciated hearing from you. Please accept Senator Baker's best wishes for success in meeting your goals.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mrs. Sarah Underwood  
224 Oak Street  
Ringsted, IA 50578

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

January 19, 1988

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to attend the Eighty-eighth Annual Wallow of the Military Order of the Carabao on February 6.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Richard A. Edwards, Jr.  
Military Order of the Carabao  
The Army and Navy Club  
901 17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006-2503

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LNМ-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

January 19, 1988

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for the special holiday gifts.  
I appreciate your kindness and send my  
very best wishes for the New Year to you  
and Mrs. Dubinin.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

His Excellency Yuri V. Dubinin  
Ambassador of the Union  
of Soviet Socialist Republics  
1125 16th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Gifts sent to gift unit

Cleared thru NSC

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB



January 19, 1988

Dear Ms. Lane:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. Your kind words of support and encouragement mean a great deal to me.

You have my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Frances Lane  
3501 West Howe Street  
Seattle, WA 98199

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HHB-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

Enclosure: HHB autopenned photo



January 19, 1988

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your message and thoughtful words of support.

I appreciate your bringing your observations to my attention. I will be sure to share these views with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Kenneth O. Clark  
1202 East Gardenia  
Phoenix, AZ 85020

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HNB-3

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB



January 19, 1988

Dear Mr. Quandt:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Paul W. Quandt  
Lake of the Pines  
12043 Lakeshore, South  
Auburn, CA 95603

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB



January 20, 1988

Dear Ed:

Your letter of January 13, 1988 on the Board for International Broadcasting budget was most appreciated. The BIB plays a crucial role and the case for a Supplemental was eloquently made by Bruce Porter at the Budget Review Board meeting.

We chose not to go the Supplemental route at this time because to do so could breach the hard fought budget agreement with the Congress we reached last year. The agreement contemplated that no Supplementals would be requested except in cases of "dire emergency". There may be solutions short of a Supplemental such as expanded authority to reprogram current appropriations. The BRB instructed OMB and the BIB to explore those alternatives. Failing that, you can be assured that when a dire emergency exists (you suggest August) we will certainly give every consideration well in advance to a Supplemental.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Edward N. Ney  
1285 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10019

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

January 20, 1988

Dear Ms. Gardiner:

Thank you for your letter and for sending me the book,  
Breakthrough: Emerging New Thinking. I look forward  
with interest to reading it.

I'm sorry that the demands of my schedule will not  
permit me to join you at the Department of State on  
January 25. I hope your meeting with Deputy Secretary  
Whitehead goes well and is most productive.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Lyn Brightwell Gardiner  
5855 Heron Drive  
Oakland, CA 94618

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB



January 20, 1988

Dear Dave:

Despite the eleventh hour activities on the Hill, I hope you and your family had some time to enjoy the holiday season. And I hope you will share with them my personal wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Dave, I want to thank you for your help on the issue of assistance to the Democratic Resistance in Nicaragua. Your advice and assistance were critical to the successful resolution of this matter before adjournment, and consistent with the leadership you have demonstrated in earlier debates on this issue.

I understand that you had a successful trip to Nicaragua, and I am glad you were able to get down there personally. As you know, this whole matter will be the subject of further congressional action in early February. We continue to have daily discussions on this issue, and the President remains committed to a just and lasting peace in the region. As we pursue the achievement of democracy in Nicaragua and security for all of Central America, your continued efforts will be invaluable. I look forward to working with you, and I welcome your counsel.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable David Boren  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB